(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to control the prices of these medicines and render these within the reach of common man?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY) : (a) and (b) Under the Drug Price Control Order, 1987 homoeopathic drugs are not controlled for prices. Moreover, no specific instance of manifold increase in prices of such drugs has come to the notice of the Government.

Ban on Destruction of female foetus by Medical practitioners

806. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government are aware that tests for sex determina tion are being carried out by medical practitioners to destroy the female foetus ;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to check this malice ;

(c) whether Government propose to amend the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act to put a complete ban on destruction of female foetus and determination of sex ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY) : (a) We are aware about the sex determination test being carried out by medical practitioners. However, the nexus between this test and female foeticide has not been conclusively proved.

(b) to (d) A proposal for legislation relating to Sex Determination and for amendment of the MTP Act, 1971 is under consideration of the Government. Final decision in the matter has yet to be taken.

Landing Facilities at Airports

80.7. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a deatth of landing facilities in most of the airports for smooth landing of sophisticated aeroplanes and aircraft; and

(b) if so, what are the steps being proposed by Government to modernise it in view of recent air disasters of high magnitude?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) :(a) and (b)While our airports have the essential ground facilities it is true that many of our airport, require modernisation and upgrada-s ticn. Such upgradation and modernisation of ground facilities is an ongoing process involving heavy investment in equipment, manpower and maintenance. The upgradation and modernisation of the ground facilities available at our airports is constantly receiving the attention of the Government.

Closure of loss incurring public sector undertakings

808. SHRI SURENDRA. SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously considering the